

Bicycling safety tips

When bicycling in Bloomington ride safely and be well-equipped. By following these safety tips you can help make your bicycling experience both enjoyable and fun.

1. **SHARE THE ROAD** – be courteous.
2. Always wear your helmet – be sure it covers your forehead and fits properly.
3. Obey the same traffic laws as motorized vehicles – do not pass a vehicle on the right, stop at stop signs and stop lights and obey one-way streets.
4. Always use hand signals and look before turning – make sure motorists are aware of your intentions, and be prepared to yield if you are not sure of a driver's intentions.
5. Always ride on the right – never ride against traffic.
6. Be alert – watch for car doors opening, storm grates, railroad tracks, and potholes.
7. Ride in a predictable manner – ride in a straight line, do not swerve in between parked or stopped cars, do not ride out mid-block, and be especially careful around alleys/driveways and parking lots.
8. Yield to pedestrians – pedestrians have the right of way.
9. Avoid riding on sidewalks.
10. Always be prepared to stop – keep your hands on or close to the brakes.
11. Dress to be seen – wear bright clothing and use head and tail lights at night (reflectors are not enough).
12. Wearing headphones while riding your bicycle is dangerous.
13. Become familiar with your bicycle – keep it in good working order.

Indiana Bicycle Laws

IC 9-21-11

Chapter 11. Bicycles and Motorized Bicycles

IC 9-21-11-1

Sec. 1. (a) The parent of a child and the guardian of a protected person may not authorize or knowingly permit the child or protected person to violate this chapter.
(b) Subject to the exceptions stated, the provisions of this chapter applicable to bicycles apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon a highway or a path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-11-2

Sec. 2. A person riding a bicycle upon a roadway has all the rights and duties under this article that are applicable to a person who drives a vehicle, except the following:
(1) Special regulations of this article.
(2) Those provisions of this article that by their nature have no application.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-11-3

Sec. 3. (a) A person propelling a bicycle may not:
(1) ride other than upon the permanent and regular seat attached to the bicycle; or
(2) carry any other person upon the bicycle who is not seated upon a firmly attached and regular seat on the bicycle.
(b) A person may not ride upon a bicycle unless seated under this section.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-11-4

Sec. 4. A bicycle may not be used to carry more persons at one (1) time than the number for which the bicycle is designed and equipped.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-11-5

Sec. 5. A person upon a bicycle, a coaster, roller skates, or a toy vehicle may not attach the bicycle, coaster, roller skates, or toy vehicle or the person to a street car or vehicle upon a roadway.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-11-6

Sec. 6. A person riding a bicycle upon a roadway may not ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-11-7

Sec. 7. A person who rides a bicycle may not carry a package, a bundle, or an article that prevents the person from keeping both hands upon the handlebars.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-11-8

Sec. 8. A person may not ride a bicycle unless the bicycle is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least one hundred (100) feet. A bicycle may not be equipped with and a person may not use upon a bicycle a siren or whistle.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-11-9

Sec. 9. A bicycle operated on a highway from one-half (1/2) hour after sunset until one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise must be equipped with the following:
(1) A lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front.
(2) A lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear or a red reflector visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-11-10

Sec. 10. A bicycle must be equipped with a brake that will enable the person who operates the bicycle to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-11-11

Sec. 11. A person who operates a bicycle upon a highway shall observe the regulations and requirements of this article.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-11-12

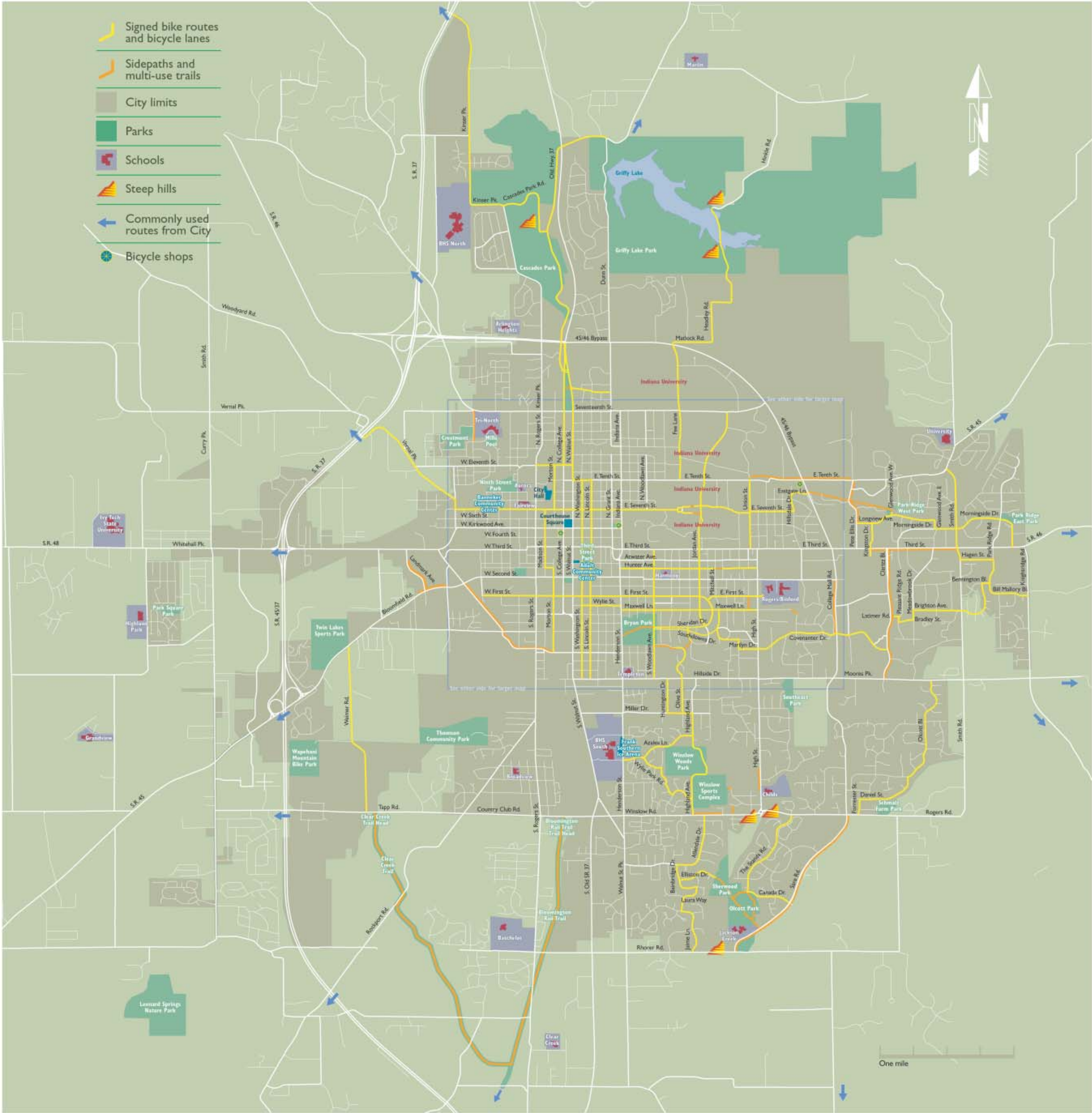
Sec. 12. A motorized bicycle may not be operated under any of the following conditions:
(1) By a person less than fifteen (15) years of age.
(2) By a person who has not obtained an identification card under IC 9-24, a permit under IC 9-24, an operator's license under IC 9-24, a chauffeur's license under IC 9-24, or a public passenger chauffeur's license under IC 9-24.
(3) On an interstate highway or a sidewalk.
(4) At a speed greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-11-14

Sec. 14. A person who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.



Motorist safety tips

Watch out for bicyclists and pedestrians, especially when making a right turn near schools, walkways, bikeways and shopping centers. Remember that children bicyclists may be more unpredictable, slower and smaller – exercise extreme care.

By following these safety tips you can help make bicycling safer.

1. **SHARE THE ROAD** – be courteous.
2. Always slow down when passing a bicyclist and check over your shoulder after passing before moving back over.
3. Give bicyclists at least 3 feet of space; give extra space in bad weather.
4. Remain behind a bicyclist when turning right.
5. Expect bicyclists on any road at any time.
6. Always look for a bicyclist when approaching an intersection.
7. Recognize situations and obstacles that might be hazardous to bicyclists, such as potholes, debris, and drainage grates. Give bicyclists adequate space to maneuver.
8. Obey all traffic laws and always signal your intentions to others.

Notice to adults concerning children bicyclists


Since children under 16 have not had formal training of the rules of the road, it is your responsibility to teach them the basics. It is the law in Bloomington that all children under the age of 18 must wear a helmet.

Bloomington Transit bike racks – Bike ‘N’ Ride

Riding Bloomington Transit has never been easier! Now you can bike to the nearest BT bus stop and BT will pick you up with your bike. Bike racks are now available on all BT buses. Bike racks are easy to use, requiring just 10 seconds or less for loading and unloading.

For more information:
<http://www.bloomingtontransit.com/Bike.htm>
or (812) 336-RIDE (336-7433)

Area Bicycle shops

Listed below are some local Bicycle shops in and near Bloomington – those within the area shown on the map are indicated there by this symbol: 

Bicycle Doctor
8551 Gardner Road
812 825 5050

Bicycle Garage
507 E. Kirkwood Avenue
812 339 3457

Bikesmiths
112 S. College Avenue
812 339 9970

Bloomington Cyclery
2530 E. 10th Street
812 336 0241

Contact these agencies for more information

Emergency Dispatch Center

911

Bloomington Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Commission
812 349 3410
www.city.bloomington.in.us/publicworks/

Bloomington Parks and Recreation
P.O. Box 848
Bloomington IN 47402
812 349 3700
www.city.bloomington.in.us/parks/

Bloomington Planning Department
P.O. Box 100
Bloomington IN 47402
812 349 3423
www.city.bloomington.in.us/planning/

Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation
130 W. Grimes Lane
Bloomington IN 47403
812 336 7433
www.bloomingtontransit.com

Bloomington Public Works
P.O. Box 100
Bloomington IN 47402
812 349 3410
www.city.bloomington.in.us/publicworks/

Safe and Civil City Project
812 349 3560

IU Campus Bus Service
120 W. Grimes Lane
Bloomington IN 47403
812 855 8384

IU Parking Operations
Bicycle Registration
Franklin Hall 006
812 855 9848

Bloomington Bicycle Club
P.O. Box 463
Bloomington IN 47402
(Tours, weekly rides and education)

Community Bicycle Project
909 E. Second Street
812 332 9870
www.bloomington.in.us/~bikeproj
(Selling low-cost recycled bikes)

The Bicycle Lobby
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